

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A step for attachment to a utility pole having a thin wall section, the step comprising:

a main member having a step member with a flange portion formed at a proximal end thereof, a free end at a distal end thereof, and an upwardly facing support surface for a user to stand on, between said free end and said flange portion, and a single attachment portion integral with said step member extending from a face of said flange portion and terminated in a hook extending out from the flange, in alignment with said step member, then up, which in use extends through an aperture provided in a wall of said thin walled section, and

a wedge member which is adapted to slide in a transverse relation to said attachment portion and interpose between said flange and said thin walled section, and abut against a face of said flange portion when in a locking position, to be driven downward to create a compressive force between said hook and said wedge member with said thin walled section therebetween to hold said step member in place, said wedge member comprising a body

formed with an enclosed slot, and having an inner face and an outer face inclined relative to each other at an angle of from 3.5 to 5 degrees, said inner face and said outer face each being formed with a concave channel of substantially the same shape in cross section along a full length thereof.

Claims 14-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) In combination, a utility pole having a thin walled hollow section with a plurality of circular apertures through said thin walled hollow section for mounting steps to said pole, and at least one step comprising:

a step for attachment to a utility pole having a thin walled section, the step comprising:

a main member having a step member with a flange portion formed at a proximal end thereof, a free end at a distal end thereof, and an upwardly facing support surface for a user to stand on, between said free end and said flange, and a single attachment portion integral with said step member extending from a face of said flange portion and terminated in a hook extending out from the flange, in alignment with said step member, then up, and which extends through an aperture provided in a wall of said thin walled section and up behind said wall, and

a wedge member which is adapted to slide in a transverse relation to said attachment portion, interposed between said flange and said thin walled section, and abutting against a face of said flange portion ~~relating~~ creating a compressive force between said hook and said wedge member with said thin walled section therebetween to hold said step member in place, said wedge member comprising a main body formed with an enclosed slot, and having an inner face and an outer face inclined relative to each other at an angle of from 3.5 to 5 degrees, said inner face and said outer face each being formed with a concave channel of substantially the same shape in cross section along a full length thereof, said hook passing through said enclosed slot.

Claims 27-29. (Cancelled)